Setting up of Science Centres

†2492. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of district Science Centres in various parts of the country, State-wise;

(b) the details of effective steps to be taken by Government to set-up these Science Centres in such districts where these Centres are not in existence; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) The District Science Centres exist in Purulia, Bardhaman and Digha Districts of West Bengal, Gulbarga in Karnataka, Dharampur in Gujarat, Tirunelveli in Tamil Nadu, Dhenkanal and Kapilas in Orissa, Panaji in Goa, Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh and Sirsa in Haryana.

(b) and (c) In addition, Science Centres have been approved by the Government at Imphal, Aizawl, Dimapur, Gangtok, Shillong and Itanagar in North Eastern States and Port Blair in Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Hereafter it is proposed by the Government to set up Science Centres only at State and National level as per the recommendations of Expenditure Reforms Commission.

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